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1. In January 1951, the former Knabenschule (boys' school) in Annaberg (N 51/K 73) quartered about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Two former factories on Wilischstrasse quartered soldiers. An obstacle course and kennels with 70 dogs were seen in the open area near the factories. The Kohnert Factory on Stalin Platz was converted into a barracks installation, which quartered 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. An obstacle course, about 100 meters long, was seen in the woods adjacent to the factory. *
2. From 70 to 75 officers' families were quartered on Maldenstrasse. The majority of the officers wore red-bordered green epaulets, while some officers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The former Kreis **Kommandatur**, now the main offices of the Wismut Corporation, was located on Wiesenstrasse. Soviet families were also quartered on this street. The soldiers quartered there were given infantry and close-combat training only. They were armed with automatic rifles, submachine guns, and light machine guns. No heavy weapons were observed.
3. In January 1951, the MVD barracks near Frohnau, just west of Annaberg, quartered about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Captain Germankov, (fnu), was the commanding officer. To date, the soldiers have been given infantry training at squad level. The manager of the canteen stated that ventilation tubes, indicating the existence of underground installations, were seen in the yard of the barracks installation. **
4. An ammunition dump, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence, was located on Wiesenbaderstrasse, 3 km north of Annaberg. A new ammunition dump was being set up in a woods 3 km south of Annaberg, about 200 meters from Neuamerika. Shelves with semi-circular recesses suitable for the storing of shells were seen.
5. Installations of the former AEG were being converted into barracks installations at Crottendorf, about 9 km southwest of Annaberg. About 300 to 350 soldiers, wearing red-bordered green epaulets and their dependents were quartered there.

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6. Barracks installations were being installed in a woods, at Niederschlag zu Baerenstein, about 10 km south of Annaberg. From 1,100 to 1,200 soldiers with many dogs were quartered there. *** About 60 soldiers and some Soviet families were quartered at Ehrenfriedersdorf-Greifenstein.

25X1A * [] Comment. The Melmert Factory reportedly quartered 300 men in October 1950. [] 25X1A

25X1A ** [] Comment. For location and layout sketch of the MVD Kaserne in Frohnau, see Annex. Including the MVD personnel quartered in the MVD Kaserne in Frohnau, MVD units stationed in the Annaberg area are believed to be of regimental strength. This is about the same numerical strength as was observed in Annaberg in September 1948.

25X1A *** [] Comment. It is believed that the soldiers reportedly located in Crottendorf and Niederschlag belonged to the MVD.

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